

**IN THE UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ABINGDON DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	)	
<b>PLAINTIFF</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. : 1:17-CR-027-JPJ-PMS</b>
	)	
<b>JOEL A. SMITHERS</b>	)	
<b>DEFENDANT</b>	)	

**MOTION FOR FUNDS TO HIRE A MEDICAL EXPERT TO REVIEW  
MEDICAL RECORDS AND TESTIFY AT TRIAL**

COMES NOW the Defendant, Joel A. Smithers, by and through counsel, and moves this Honorable Court for funds to hire a medical expert to review the medical records and possibly testify as a medical expert for the Defendant at trial.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant Joel A. Smithers, respectfully prays that his motion for funds to hire a medical expert be granted.

RESPECTUFLLY SUBMITTED

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Don M. Williams, Jr., hereby certify that I have this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the Assistant United States Attorney.

/s/ Don M. Williams, Jr.

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